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CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, December 19.

SENATE.

Mr. LANE, from the Committee on

Pensions, reported a bill to amend a bill

of last session to include those who have

served in the navy among those entitled

to twenty dollars per month pension for

the loss of both feet. The bill passed.

Mr. TRUMBULL gave notice of a

bill to enlarge the powers of the Freed-

men's Bureau, so as to secure freedom to

all persons within the United States and

protect every individual in the full en-

joyment of the rights of person and

property.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill more

effectually to provide for national de-

fence by establishing a uniform militia

throughout the United States. It is his

bill of February last, organizing the gen-

eral militia system, and providing a mil-

itary bureau of Government. The bill

was referred to the Committee on Mil-

itary Affairs.

Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced a bill in

relation to the Freedmen's Bureau,

which authorizes the President to extend

and maintain a branch of that Bureau in

any State in which slaves have been

emancipated by the operations of the war

or the amendment of the Constitution;

and also authorizes him to suspend its

operations in, or withdraw the military

forces from the States in which he is sat-

isfied hostilities have ceased, the insur-

rection being suppressed, peace and order

restored, and the civil authority estab-

lished, and the laws so modified as to

procure equal protection to all persons in

all their rights, without distinction of

race or color, including the right to make

contracts, sue or be sued, appear as wit-

nesses, buy or sell real or personal estate,

and all rights of property and personal

liberty. The bill was referred to the

Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. TRUMBULL gave notice of a bill

to enlarge the powers of the Freedmen's

Bureau, so as to secure freedom to all

persons within the United States, and

protect every individual in full enjoy-

ment of the rights of person and prop-

erty, and furnish him means of their

violation.

Mr. COWAN said a message has just

been received from the President, in re-

sponse to a resolution calling for infor-

mation as to the condition of the States

late in rebellion. He called for the

reading of the message. The message

of the President was then read as follows:

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate of the United States:

In reply to a resolution adopted by the

Senate on the 12th, I have the honor to

state that the rebellion waged by a por-

tion of the people against the properly

constituted authorities of the Govern-

ment of the United States, has been sup-

pressed, that the United States are in

possession of every State in which the

rebellion existed, and that as far as could

be done, the Courts of the United States

have been restored, post offices re-es-

tablished, and steps taken to put into ef-

fective operation the Revenue laws of the

country. As the result of the measures

instituted by the executive with a view

of inducing a resumption of the func-

selves under which the freedmen will re-

ceive protection to which he is justly en-

itled, and by means of his labor make

himself a useful and independent mem-

ber of the community in which he has

his home.

From all the information in my pos-

session; and from that which I have re-

cently derived from the most reliable au-

thority, I am induced to cherish the be-

lief that personal animosity is surely and

rapidly verging itself into a spirit of na-

tionality, and that representation, con-

ducted with a properly adjusted system

of taxation, will result in a harmonious

restoration of the States to the national

Union.

The report of Carl Schurz is herewith

transmitted as requested by the Presi-

dent.

The attention of the Senate is invited

to the accompanying report of Lieuten-

ant General Grant, who recently made a

tour of inspection through several of the

States whose inhabitants participated in

the rebellion.

[Signed] ANDREW JOHNSON.

Washington, Dec 19, 1865.

GEN. GRANT'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF U. S.,

December 18, 1865.

His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, Presi-

dent of the United States:

SIR:—In reply to your note of the

16th inst., requesting a report from me,

giving such information as I may be pos-

sessed of, coming within the scope of the

inquiries made by the Senate of the United

States in their resolution of the 12th

inst., I have the honor to submit the fol-

lowing, with your approval, and also that

of the Hon. Secretary of War:

I left Washington City on the 27th of

last month for the purpose of making a

tour of inspection throughout some of the

Southern States lately in rebellion, and

to see what changes were necessary

in the disposition of the military forces

of the country, how these forces could

be reduced, and expenses curtailed, &c.,

and to learn as far as possible the feel-

ings and intentions of the citizens of

those States towards the General Gov-

ernment.

The State of Virginia being so ac-

cessible to Washington city, and informa-

tion from this quarter, therefore, being

readily obtained, I hastened through the

State without conversing or meeting with

its citizens. In Raleigh, N. C., I spent

one day; in Charleston, S. C., two days;

Savannah and Augusta, Georgia, each

one day. Both in traveling and whilst

stopping, I saw much and conversed fre-

ely with citizens of those States as well

as with officers of the army who have been

stationed among them. The following are

the conclusions come to by me: I am

satisfied that the mass of the thinking

men of the South accept the present sit-

uation of affairs in good faith. The ques-

tions which have hitherto divided the

sentiments of the people of the two sec-

tions—Slavery and State Rights, or the

right of a State to secede from the Union

—they regard as having been settled for

ever by the highest tribunal (that of

arms) that man can resort to. I was

pleased to learn from the leading men

whom I met that they not only accepted

could doubt, no matter how much he dif-

fered from him in opinion.

Mr. SUMNER denied any intention of

charging the President with falsehood.

He said there was no question before the

House when he made the remark, and

that the statement about white-washing

referred only to the document which was

read, and not to the policy of the Presi-

dent. He denied that he had ever in

public or private questioned the honesty

or patriotism of the President.

Mr. DIXON accepted Mr. Sumner's

retraction.

Mr. TRUMBULL rose to ask that the

debate should close as the controversy

was not for the public interest.

It was then voted that the report of

General Schurz should be printed, with

the documents.

The Senate then went into executive

session and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE.

In the House last night Mr. WILSON,

of Iowa, reported a bill from the Judi-

ciary Committee extending the right of

suffrage in the District of Columbia.